

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2503 - SB 2963

March 11, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that provider-specific prescribing data should be treated as a part of a patient's medical records and held confidential, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-504 (a)(1).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the proposed changes would have no fiscal impact on the Department. The Department would still have access to the medical records including the provider-specific prescribing data if and when all requirements pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-117 were met.
- According to the Office of Open Records Counsel, the only impact would be if a citizen or local government official had a question about its applicability.
- Access to this information could still be gained by the issuance of a subpoena by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- Specifying provider-specific prescribing data as a part of a patient's medical records will not significantly alter current policies and procedures performed by state or local governments.
- It is estimated any fiscal impact to state or local government will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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